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A METHOD FOR EXTENDING OPERATING LIFE OF A FIXED BED REACTOR) Family Number: P1999I032-US2

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

In response to the Office Action of December 17, 2002, in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants provide the following and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the application.

AMENDMENT

In The Claims:

9. (thrice amended) A method for [extending the] operating [life of] a fixed bed reactor having an operating life for reacting a feedstock said fixed bed reactor comprising a

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